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Women's Education Alliance Announces Promotion of Valerie A. Sandoval to Vice President, Academic Advancement and Accountability

Baltimore, Md: September 18, 2023 – [Women's Education Alliance](http://www.weabalt.org) (WEA) announces the promotion of Valerie A. Sandoval to Vice President, Academic Advancement and Accountability. Formerly Director of Student Outcomes and Program Evaluation, Ms. Sandoval's new and expanded role acknowledges her contribution to improving WEA student achievement and school partnerships. Her new position will strengthen Women's Education Alliance and provide inspiring leadership to the communities and the children served.

Betty Contino, WEA Chair, adds "Valerie's expanded role is in response to the needs of the students for accelerated learning progress. Students experienced uneven learning support during COVID. Women's Education Alliance works in partnership with administrators, teachers, families, and students. Donors support the schools with necessary resources for instruction, professional development, and scholarships. Valerie provides essential individual coaching to students and families enabling their full engagement and application. Each child is precious to us, and we believe God has blessed us with Valerie. She loves each student and brings impressive vision as an educational leader to our organization."



Over the past 24 years, Ms. Sandoval has focused her career on providing students with a transformational educational experience using data-driven decision-making and innovation and by promoting diversity and inclusion. She is committed to ensuring that students from lower socio-economic backgrounds receive equal access to a quality education. Previously, Ms. Sandoval was Principal of Archbishop Borders School (ABS), a dual language pre-K through 8th grade school in Baltimore City. At ABS, she built capacity including a qualified educational team of teachers and staff, and community Board members, all committed to the vision and mission of student success. Prior to ABS, Ms. Sandoval was the Principal of Los Amigos Technology Academy and Summit View Elementary School in Tucson, Arizona.

Commenting on her expanded role, Ms. Sandoval adds "I am deeply committed to supporting all members of the community schools by providing essential resources, continuous professional development, and unwavering support for educators to enhance their skill set and expertise. Ultimately, this initiative aims to foster agency, where students then take the lead in setting and achieving their educational goals, thereby realizing their fullest potential."

[Women's Education Alliance](http://www.weabalt.org) (WEA) assists in the education and formation of qualified Pre-K through 12th grade students by providing scholarships to Catholic Community Schools serving economically disadvantaged families in Baltimore City. In addition to a quality academic education, WEA also provides school support services which enhance each student's total learning experience on a cultural, spiritual, physical, and social level.

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